

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to increase the awareness of
Juvenile Myositis.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION to increase the awareness of
2 Juvenile Myositis.

3 *Whereas, Juvenile Myositis (JM) is an autoimmune disease*
4 *affecting approximately 5,000 children in the United States;*

5 *Whereas, In patients with JM, the body's immune system*
6 *attacks muscles and the skin;*

7 *Whereas, Children between the ages of five and fifteen are*
8 *the primary patients of JM, with the average age of onset being*
9 *between the ages of six and seven years old;*

10 *Whereas, Approximately 1,000 children are diagnosed each*
11 *year, and girls are twice as likely to be affected by JM;*

12 *Whereas, Juvenile Myositis is characterized by a*
13 *combination of skin rashes, muscle weakness, fatigue, fever,*
14 *and joint pain that varies in severity;*

15 *Whereas, Children who develop Juvenile Myositis often*
16 *have a family history of other autoimmune diseases, such as*
17 *Thyroid Disorder, Type I Diabetes, Rheumatoid Arthritis,*



Lupus, or Crohn's Disease;

Whereas, Although medications can help ease the symptoms of Juvenile Myositis, there is no known cure;

Whereas, Juvenile Myositis is a life changing disease whose symptoms range from minor annoyance to chronic pain, inability to walk, bodily disfigurement, and even death;

Whereas, Although there is no cure, the lives of people with Juvenile Myositis have continued to improve with advances in early diagnosis and aggressive treatment; and

Whereas, Through increased awareness, the prognosis for Juvenile Myositis patients can continue to improve and a cure may become a reality: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate, through this Resolution, hopes to increase the awareness of juvenile myositis and improve the chances of finding a cure for this debilitating disease.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Angela Dean.

